Drip irrigation system in U.P.

5403. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target had been fixed for setting up of drip irrigation system in Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh during that period for the said work;

(d) whether the above target has been achieved;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the target fixed by Government for the Tenth Five Year Plan including funds allocated for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) During the Ninth Plan till October, 2000 assistance for setting up drip irrigation was provided to the State Governments including Uttar Pradesh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Horticulture through Plasticulture Interventions. Thereafter, the scheme was subsumed under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Managment in agriculture—Supplementation/ Complementation of States Efforts through Work Plans. Under this Scheme, the State Governments have been given the flexibility to prioritize their programmes as per the felt needs and requirement. A target of 4141 ha. was fixed for coverage under drip irrigation in Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Plan under both these Schemes.

(c) Financial assistance of Rs. 473.80 lakhs was provided to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for installation of drip irrigation system during the Ninth Plan.

(d) and (e) An Area of 3414 ha. have covered under drip irrigation during the Ninth Plan in Uttar Pradesh, which is more than 80 per cent of the target. However, the target could not be achieved in full due to slow adoption of the new technology by the farmers.

(f) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have fixed a target of 1435 ha. with an financial outlay of Rs. 261.17 lakhs for drip installation during the Tenth Five Year Plan.